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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE MOSCOW 767, EUR/EX CAN PAY FOR TDY TRAINING, BUT IN VIEW OF CROSSED WIRES EARLIER, WE WANT TO DOUBLE CHECK THAT THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT.
S KNOW
2. BEN WOULD LIKE TO BE SURE THAT MOSCOW EMPLOYEES KNOW THAT HIGH LEVEL BURSTS HAVE CEASED. CAN YOU CONFIRM?
3. WE HAVE REPEATED TO YOU A CABLE FROM EMBASSY BUCHAREST EXPRESSING UNHAPPINESS WITH THE TCP PROGRAM. THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME MORE DIRECT BUCHAREST-TO-NEW YORK ARRANGEMENT IS UNDER PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION IN THE DEPARTMENT. THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME, IF YOU WISH, TO SEND IN A FRONT CHANNEL CABLE REFERRING TO THE BUCHAREST CABLE AND PROPOSING SOME MORE DIRECT MOSCOW-TO-NEW YORK ARRANGEMENT FOR ALL OR
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SOME OF THE TCP CASES, CITING HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILY REUNIFICATION, EXPENSE TO USG IN SUPPORTING TCP CASES IN ITALY, ETC. A PRECEDENT WE CITED IN 1973-74 WAS THE OLD VERRADERO-HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE CUBAN PAROLE PROGRAM, IN WHICH CUBANS WERE PROCESSED AFTER ARRIVAL IN FLORIDA. THE LAST REVIEW OF THE TCP PROGRAM HERE WAS IN OCTOBER 1976 WHEN

INS ROME TRIED TO NARROW THE CRITERIA. THAT OF COURSE WAS UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION.

4. DOT'S RAMUNDO CALLED TO INFORM US HE HAS RECEIVED A TELEX FROM ISHCHENKO REFERRING TO EXPIRY OF THE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT AND SUGGESTING THAT HE AND RAMUNDO GET TOGETHER IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE HERE OR IN MOSCOW TO WORK ON DETAILS. RAMUNDO IS SURE--AND WE WOULD AGREE--THAT ISHCHENKO IS REACTING TO A REPORT OF RAMUNDO'S LUNCH WITH YEZHOF WHICH WENT OVER THE GROUND OF THE ICE-TRANSITING PROJECT, AND AT WHICH RAMUNDO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN GENERAL UNDER THE AGREEMENT. RAMUNDO PROPOSES TO LET ISHCHENKO STEW A BIT, PERHAPS UNTIL HE FOLLOWS UP WITH A SECOND TELEX OR AN APPEAL THROUGH THE EMBASSY. LET US KNOW IF YOU RECOMMEND ANOTHER COURSE OF ACTION AT THIS POINT.

5. ON THE SUPERCONDUCTING TRANSMISSION PROJECT, WE AND OES ARE PRESSING DOE EITHER TO COME UP WITH A RATIONALE FOR THE MANUFACTURING ASPECT OF THE PROPOSED U.S. VISIT OR TO GET THE EXCHANGE MOVING WITHOUT DELAY. WE HAD EARLIER FOCUSED ON THE NEED TO GET AGREEMENT ON THE U.S. DELEGATION BEFORE THE SOVIET ONE COMES--BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE ITINERARY REQUEST FOR OUR DELEGATION HAS TO BE REASONABLE.

6. PLEASE TELL ROBIN PORTER WE ARE DELIGHTED AT SIGNING OF
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CONTRACT AND ADMIRING OF SUCCESSFUL EFFORT HE AND KAP HAVE MADE IN BRINGING THIS OFF. WE NOW NEED TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE WOULD STAFF THE CONGEN. FOR AN OPENING IN 1979, WE WOULD NEED DECISIONS SOON IN ORDER TO PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS INVOLVING LANGUAGE TRAINING. PROPOSED STAFFING MODEL WE HAVE HERE SHOWS:

NUMBER	FUNCTION	RANK
1	CONSUL GENERAL	0-2
1	DEPUTY	0-4
2	CONSULAR OFFICERS	0-4/0-5
2	ADMIN OFFICERS	0-6/S-3
1	GSO	S-6
2	C&R OFFICERS	S-4/S-6
1	SECRETARY/CG, DPO	S-7
1	SECRETARY/PAO, AGRIC	S-7
1	PAO	0-4
1	AGRICULTURE	0-4
1	SCHOOLTEACHER	
4	MSGs	
TOTAL: 18		

7. ALSO ON KIEV, AS WE TOLD YOU IN STATE 013147, A SECRETARIAL POSITION HAS BEEN APPROVED AND YOU WILL SHORTLY BE FORMALLY TOLD. HOWEVER, WE NEED ASAP THE FOLLOWING DATA IN ORDER TO MOVE PER ON ASSIGNING SOMEONE:

- GRADE LEVEL
- HOUSING AND FURNISHINGS
- LENGTH OF TOUR (E.G. 2 YEARS AND ONE R&R)
- TARGET ETA
- TRAINING REQUIREMENTS (E.G. LANGUAGE, WITH CLASSES STARTING FEBRUARY AND AUGUST; ANY C&R DUTIES NEEDING TRAINING)

8. RE MOSCOW 1100 (YOUR TRAVEL PLANS): THE AMBASSADOR
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BELIEVES YOU SHOULD NAME TOM INSTEAD AND EXPLAIN TO RAY THAT THE AMBASSADOR MADE THIS DECISION PRIMARILY BECAUSE ANY PROBLEM THAT MIGHT COME UP WOULD BE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA.

9. PER REQUEST CONTAINED MOSCOW 800, PARA 4, WE ARE POUCHING ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATION C/O SKOUG.

10. PNG ISSUE HAS BEEN FURTHER DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH SOVIETS HERE, WHO SAY MOSCOW IS HIGHLY EXERCISED BECAUSE THIS SEEMS TO BE PURE EFFORT TO GET EVEN BY MEANS OF ENTRAPMENT. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO TRY TO STRAIGHTEN THEM OUT AND HAVE URGED THAT THEY NOT TAKE FURTHER STEP WHICH WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER ESCALATION. AT THE TOP HERE THERE IS RELUCTANCE TO HAVE FURTHER DEMARCHES THERE ON THE TRADE SIDE. WE ARE PUSHING THE IDEA OF HANDLING IT INFORMALLY, BUT THUS FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS. RE RELATED PERSONNEL SHIFTS, WONDER IF YOU ARE GIVING THOUGHT TO WHETHER PROMPT AND CONSPICUOUS REPAIR OF THE DAMAGE DONE TO OUR STAFFING MIGHT INFLUENCE THE SOVIETS IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

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